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Regarding Document #99F-2673

I object to the FDA changing the food additive regulations to allow ionizing radiation to control microbial pathogens in sprouting seeds.

Seeds treated with irradiation should be labeled as such.

I will grow my own sprouts rather than buy them if irradiated sprouts are not labeled as such. I will advise my friends and family about this FDA trickery. If you implement this proposed rule I will inform my grocer that I won't buy sprouts because of the FDA.

I would like to see you hold a hearing on this so that the truth may be discussed and not just swept under one of your many rugs.

You are so quick to approve drugs that are poorly or insufficiently tested (public fact reported in the news every day) and thus you poison people just so drug companies can make a profit. Now you want to promote irradiation so food processors don't have to be so concerned about sanitary food handling.

Just like the poorly tested drugs that have harmed so many you now lump insult and injury upon injury by allowing the use of poorly studied irradiation AND you won't let the consumers make an informed choice (to buy or not buy irradiated foods) just to protect profits.

You don't serve and protect the American people...you serve and protect a greedy and irresponsible drug and food industry.

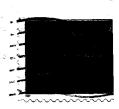
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